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SUBJ MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT EFFORTS

1. EGYPTIAN GENEVA PERMREP EL ERIAN AND HIS DEPUTY EL ARABY MET WITH ME APRIL 17 FOR BRIEF AND GENERAL TOUR D'HORIZON. AFTER NOTING I WOULD MEET WITH AMBASSADOR VINOGRADOV, I MENTIONED THAT IDEA HAD BEEN RAISED OF POSSIBLE MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY AND GROMYKO IN GENEVA NEXT WEEK ON SECRETARY'S WAY TO MIDDLE EAST, ALTHOUGH TO BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE NOTHING HAD BEEN DECIDED.

2. I GAVE EL ERIAN VERY GENERAL PICTURE OF SECRETARY'S TALKS IN WASHINGTON WITH SYRIANS AND EARLIER WITH ISRAELIS ON DISENGAGEMENT. MAIN PROBLEM WAS ISSUE OF WHERE LINE WOULD BE. WHEN I SAID SYRIANS HAD SUGGESTED THAT DETAILS ON DISENGAGEMENT BE NEGOTIATED IN GENEVA MILITARY WORKING GROUP AFTER AGREEMENT ON PRINCIPLES HAD BEEN REACHED AS RESULT OF SECRETARY'S FORTHCOMING TRIP TO AREA, EL ERIAN OBSERVED THAT THIS MIGHT BRING TO HEAD QUESTION OF SYRIA'S FORMALLY AGREEING TO JOIN MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE.DALE

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